a consultant. As per the study report, the proposed National Waterway is viable for development.

(e) No specific time frame could be prescribed in this regard at this stage.

Completion of National Highway No. 34

1897. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on National Highway No. 34 from Lucknow to Balia has not yet been completed in all respects;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that after completing the working from Lucknow to Sultanpur, the remaining distance from Sultanpur to Balia *via* Kazipur-Shahganj-Azamgarh-Balia, has been left over and no action has been taken since long leaving the road in dilapidated conditions and dangerous for vehicles; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government for immediate completion of this National Highway No. 34 from Sultanpur to Balia (U.P.) by converting it into double lane from Lucknow to Balia?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Lucknow-Sultanpur-Kazipur-Shahganj-Azamgarh-Balia road is not National Highway No. 34 but is State Highway No. 34 of Uttar Pradesh. Hence, the responsibility for its construction, maintenance and development vests with the State Government.

USA interest in Chandrayan-I Mission

1898. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in India's space mission to the moon during the last two years, along with its status as on date;

(b) whether it is a fact that United States of America has expressed its interest in placing its own payload aboard first Indian spacecraft to moon, Chandrayan-I; and